Maize Based Industry

1596. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether is any maize based industry in Begusarai and Khagaria districts of Bihar;

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to set up maize based industry in the said areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) There is no maize based industry in Begusarai and Khagaria districts of Bihar.

(b) to (d). As per present policy, maize processing unit are decentralised and as such setting up of such units does not require permission from Government of India. There is no proposal for setting up of maize based industry in the above said districts by the Central Government. Any maize based industry could be set up by interested private entrepreneurs.

[English]

Subsidy on Fertilizers

1597. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to provide 75% subsidy on the fertilizers for the drought prone areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Government of India is already providing subsidised urea to the farmers at a uniform price of Rs.3320/- per tonne. In addition, concession is given on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers to the farmers. There is no proposal to provide 75% subsidy on the fertilizers separately for the drought prone areas.

Militant Activities

1598. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the so-called 'Peoples War Group' operating in the tribal-border-areas of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh has again become active in the militant activities;

(b) if so, the details of the hostilities perpetrated by them during the last four months; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to curb and curtail their hostilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MODH. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Statement indicating the incidents of violence by People War Group during the months of July to October, 1996, is attached.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps in this regard. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-extremist operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of terrorist/insurgency activities among the States. Further help is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc.

STATEMENT

Incidents of Violence by PWG-1996

	July	August	September	October
Total incidents (deaths)				
Andhra Pradesh	58 (8)	54 (5)	70 (17)	40 (20)
Madhya Pradesh	5 (3)	13 (2)	4 (1)	6 (3)
Maharashtra	6 (4)	1 (-)	-	-
Orissa	1 (-)	3 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
Attacks on police (including landmines) (Policemen killed)				
Andhra Pradesh	4 (1)	2 (-)	4 (3)	5 (7)
Madhya Pradesh	1 (1)	-	1 (-)	1
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-
Orissa	-	-	-	-
Incidents involving IEDS including landmines				
Andhra Pradesh	5 (-)	10 (-)	11 (2)	5 (7)
Madhya Pradesh	1 (1)	1 (-)	-	-
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-
Orissa	-	-	-	-
Attacks on Police informers (deaths)				
Andhra Pradesh	15 (4)	8 (2)	13 (8)	10 (7)
Madhya Pradesh	1 (1)	2 (1)	-	2 (2)
Maharashtra	3 (2)	-	-	-
Orissa	-	-	-	-
Incidents of arson				
Andhra Pradesh	9	20	17	4
Madhya Pradesh	1	-	-	1
Maharashtra	-	1	-	-
Orissa	-	-	-	-